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SUBJECT: NOTIFICATION OF US DECISION RE ARMS FOR SOMALIA

REF: A. STATE 173088, B. STATE 156191

1. MFA (COUNSELOR PLAJA, DEPUTY OFFICE DIRECTOR FOR SUB-SAHARAN POLITICAL AFFAIRS) WAS ACUTELY INTERESTED IN CONTENT REF. A, AND GRATEFUL TO HAVE ADVANCE WORD.
2. PLAJA INDICATED MFA WOULD WELCOME CONTINUING EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WITH USG AND OTHER POSSIBLE WESTERN (HE MENTIONED ONLY FRANCE AND UK) SUPPLIERS OF ARMS TO SOMALIA. HE COMMENTED (GENERALLY PARALLELING REF. B) THAT ITALY IS CONSTRAINED IN HOW MUCH IT CAN DO IN SOMALIA BY THE STILL SUBSTANTIAL AND VULNERABLE ITALIAN COMMUNITY IN ETHIOPIA. ITALIAN PROBLEM EASED, HOWEVER, BY SOMALI REQUEST FOR AID TO POLICE RATHER THAN ARMY.

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3. SO FAR ITALIAN ASSISTANCE HAS BEEN SMALL SINCE ITALY HAD PROTECTIVE BARRIER OF POLICY PROVIDING NO CREDIT OR GRANT MILITARY AID. PLAJA COMMENTED THAT NOW IF SOME WEALTHY FRIEND WERE TO PROVIDE SOMALI'S WITH LOTS OF CASH, ITALY "WOULD HAVE A BIG PROBLEM" FENDING OFF SOMALI ARMS REQUESTS.

4. WE PRESUME WASHINGTON ADDRESSEES ARE GENERALLY
AWARE THAT GOI HAS HAD SIGNIFICANT TRAINING PROGRAM
IN ITALY FOR SOMALI MILITARY FOR SOME YEARS PAST
(PARTIALLY IN CONTRADICTION TO PLAJA'S FOREGOING
COMMENTS). DAO ROME PREPARING RELEVANT REPORT FOR
SUBSEQUENT SUBMISSION.HOLMES

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